

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP**



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

*#1 Rejection*  
*Reconsideration*  
*NEP*  
*GC*  
**PATENT***3/18/03*

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Priority Upon Appeal*  
*3/24/03*  
*Serial No.*  
*3/24/03*

In re Application of:

DWAYNE D. LEISMER

Serial No.: 09/839,187

Filed: April 19, 2001

For: CONTROL LINE CUTTING SAFETY  
JOINT

Confirmation No.: 1534

Group Art Unit: 3672

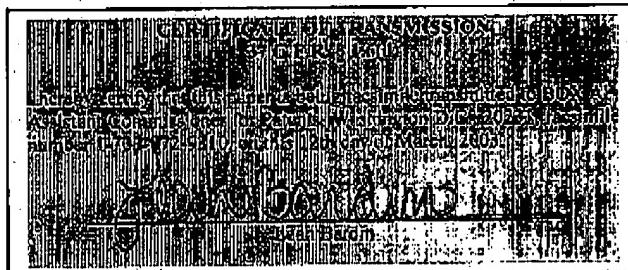
Examiner: Zakiya Nicole Walker

Attorney Docket: 2032.006800/DCD  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 24, 2003**

**BOX AF**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated January 24, 2003, for which the three-month date for response is April 24, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to

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